



## ESTES VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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### MEMORANDUM

To: Estes Valley Fire District Board of Directors, Connie Bowser, Secretary to the Board and Jackie Williamson, Town Clerk

CC: Town Administrator; Wes Kufeld, Chief of Police, Estes Park Communications Center, Larimer County Sheriff.

From: Fire Chief Scott Dorman, Estes Valley Fire Protection District

Date: July 13, 2012

Subject: Open Burning Restrictions

In response to the local weather and fuel conditions resulting in a reduced fire danger, fire restrictions are reduced to level 1. The following open burning/fires are still NOT allowed under level 1 restrictions:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using fire for slash burning, campfire, recreational fires or educational fires.
2. Use of all fireworks including approved fireworks (i.e. sparklers, fountains).
3. Smoking on public property, except within an enclosed vehicle or building or an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.
4. Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with an open flame on outdoor property unless the area is clear of all flammable materials.

Exceptions shall include: campfires or charcoal fires in approved developed campsites or picnic grounds with permanently constructed stationary masonry or metal fireplaces or grills specifically designed for the purpose of combustion, LPG or natural gas fired portable grills, other petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices, flares used by Public Safety agencies to warn the public of danger, training fires used by Public Safety agencies or persons with a permit for such actions, public fireworks display with fire department approval.

Larimer County's Fire Ban in the unincorporated portions of the Estes Valley Fire Protection District is still in effect and this reduction in fire restrictions shall not apply to those areas until such time that Larimer County reduces the fire ban requirements in the county.

These restrictions shall be effective from 12:00 noon, July 13, 2012 until otherwise lifted or changed by the Fire Chief or his designee.